

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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SHEEP AND LAMB, AND BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, February 25, 2000 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 82.1 million pounds during January. This was down 9 percent from last month and down 5 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For January, beef, and sheep and lamb production were up from a year ago, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 329,700 head during January compared to 376,200 head last year. Average live weight was 259 pounds, which was up 1 pound from 1999. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 328,000 head, which was comprised of 16,900 sows, and 311,100 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 25,700 head during January compared to 22,500 head last year. Average live weight was 1,426 pounds, which was up 100 pounds from 1999. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 23,100 head, which was comprised of 1,200 steers, 700 heifers, 17,900 cows, and 3,300 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,500 head during January compared to 100 head last year. Average live weight was 113 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,400 head of lambs and yearlings.

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